

# Social World

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Organized in March 1921

## Torrance Woman's Club Marks 40th Anniversary

Forty years of achievement were completed by the Torrance Woman's club on the anniversary of the first meeting March 18, 1921.

The fortieth birthday of the club will be celebrated at the meeting on April 5 when the past presidents will be in the spotlight.

Sixteen women gathered at the home of Mrs. Ida Gilbert on that March day in 1921

and organized a club called the "Vista Highlands Neighborhood Club."

In May, they invited the women of Torrance to join them. The club's name was changed to the "Torrance Woman's Club" and was affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Club. By October of the same year they had a membership of 225.

For four years, the women met in member's homes and various halls around town. It was in October 1925, that they dedicated their own building, a 1422 Engracia to "Kindness, Tolerance and Progress."

### Philanthropies

From the beginning, philanthropies played a large part in their activities. Their first financial contribution in 1921 was to "Near East Relief" and as they were financially able each year they added more worthy organizations. In addition to this type of philanthropy, many special appeals were granted such as funds for an audiometer in the Torrance schools; vitamins for Torrance High students; Junior Statesmen convention; Restoring Independence Hall and others.

They sold \$3058 in War Bonds, raised \$1344 on a "Junk to War Stamps Sale," aided the Red Cross, the Cancer fund and furnished the YWCA.

In their community improvement program, they have partially supported a Well Baby Clinic and planted trees.

To combat the depression of 1929, members who owned stock in the corporation were given a proportionate number of years of free dues, loans were made to buy stock put on the market and life memberships were sold for ready cash.

In 1941, with the nation at war, seriousness was added to

the situation when the clubhouse was damaged by an earthquake. After repairs were made the Defense Department declared the clubhouse a casualty station and more money was needed to comply with regulations.

### Mortgage Paid

In 1940, the USO rented the building. When the clubhouse was again taken over by the club, membership had hit an all time low. The 68 members decided to raise \$4000 for repairs and did so in less than two years. The mortgage was paid off in March 1946.

Through their years of struggle for survival and their philanthropic work the club brought a cultural program to Torrance contributing music, book reviews, and current events. As funds were available important speakers were brought here.

Historical progress is pointed out in a few remarks made by speakers: In 1927... Chief Standing Bear of the Sioux na-

tion spoke for citizenship for the American Indian; in 1938... a well known radio commentator said "I am loath to believe that TV (if it is possible) could ever become so popular as to replace motion pictures;" in 1939... A noted archeologist said, "The Pyramids predict world events... World War I was expected to end the 11th month, 11th day and 11th hour of 1918. Dictators will annihilate themselves. The world today is well out of depression but Americans have forgotten how to stand alone and fail to recognize that fact. The years of importance are 1910, 1945 and 1953, at which time the cycle of the pyramids is complete."

For the past 19 years, the Torrance Woman's club has been able to fulfill all its plans.

Today with its rich background of experience, it takes its place as one of the leading clubs in the Marina district of the California Federation of Women's clubs.

## AAUW Party April 5 To Aid Fellowship Program

"Finesse for Fellowship" — a benefit card party will be sponsored by the Bridge section of the Manhattan Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women. The event will take place at the American Legion Hall, 223 West Franklin Ave., El Segundo, on April 5, starting at 7:30.

The dessert card party is one of the public money raising affairs held throughout the year to benefit the Fellowship program of AAUW. The Fellowship grants are awarded by the Association to women for advanced study or research.

The grants provide financial help to women in graduate study in the US and abroad, according to Mrs. M. L. MacKnight, fellowship fund raising chairman.

Members of the bridge section, chaired by Mrs. Raymond H. Reaber, will host the event. There will be tables set up for all types of cards and door prizes galore.

Hostesses for the evening are Mrs. William J. Brannan, Willis H. Bliss, Kenneth Bloom, Jamie Clancy, John J. Hull, Spurgeon C. Keith, James H. Krehner, Ted Melke, Lester R. Mitchell, Harry Plant, Jack Sabin, Roger T. Schafer, L. Wheaton Smith, Leslie J. Van Nice, Edward Voekler, and Robert H. White.

The public is invited to attend the card party. There will be a small donation towards the fellowship fund. For additional information and reservations please contact Mrs. Bert S. Durst, Mrs. M. E. Graves, Mrs. Richard J. Rector.



BOARD REVIEWS HISTORY... Officers of the Torrance Woman's club look over the scrap books of bygone years as they plan to observe the 40th anniversary of the club at their meeting on April 5. The club, organized in March 1921, has a rich background of survival through trying times, hundreds of philanthropies, and cultural advancement for the city. Enjoying the club history are from left seated, Mmes. A. Z. England, ways

and means chairman; R. C. Focha, third vice president; E. C. St. Amant, auditor; H. W. Bowman, reservations; Roy Apsey, president; Rufus Sandstrom, treasurer and A. K. Peterson, year book chairman, Standing Mmes. Alan S. Moore, corresponding secretary; Godfrey Nelson, recording secretary; B. W. Roberts, second vice president; Alma Smith, program chairman; and Dean L. Sears, parliamentarian.

**YOUR PROBLEMS**  
by Ann Landers

### Teen Dancing, Pros and Cons

Dear Readers: Well—there IS hope for the world. Do you remember the letter from "Old Timer" who complained because they don't write songs like they used to? I agreed, and suggested that perhaps this is why teenagers don't dance together anymore. I bemoaned the hyperthyroid leaping and shed a few tears for the boy who must stand riveted to the floor while his partner hops around like a beheaded hen.

I expected a barrage of brickbats from the teens, but the mail indicated that for the most part they agree with me. Here are some comments—pro and con:

Dear Ann: So "Old Timer" is unhappy because they don't write songs like they used to. Well, if he can tell me what a Flat-Foot Floogie with a Floy Floy is, I'll keep my mouth shut forever. And while he's at it, can he explain the meaning of Vo-do-do-de-o-do and boop-boop-a-doop? Also Ja-da—ja-da—ja-da—ja-da—jing jing jing. Thanks a great big bunch.—ASS OF '64.

From Port Huron, Mich.: The teens in our crowd would love to dump the rock and roll junk and really dance — like our parents did. It took grace and rhythm to cut a carpet in those days. Today anybody with a nail in his shoe can win first prize.

Lima, Ohio: This is from a high school senior (male) who agrees with you and Old-Timer. I would welcome the return of the Minuet in G. At least a fellow could move around some. I feel like a cigar-store Indian on the dance floor. This is dancing?

Phoenix: Dear Granny Landers: You must have a bumblebee in your ear trumpet. At least you ain't hearin' so good. The dance music today is great and the kids dance with a solid beat. Today's dancing is tame compared with the Shimmy, the Black Bottom, the Shag, the Big Apple and the Charleston.

Fargo: You are perfectly right about teenage dancing.

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PATRICIA VINT... Accepts Ring

### Gala Party Fetes Diane

Diane Norris, who was 14 years old on St. Patrick's Day, celebrated the occasion with a slumber party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Norris, 1825 Reynosa Dr.

Diane and her guests enjoyed dinner, followed by the birthday cake. The girls spent the night and were served breakfast by Mrs. Norris.

Helping Diane celebrate were Judy and Jill O'Hara, Pat Parvic, Noreen Hughes, Nancy McCall, Diane Degrotte and Jean Carson.

### Vint-Wipf Wedding In August

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Dungey of Tempe, Ariz., formerly of Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann Vint to Vincent K. Wipf.

An August wedding is being planned at the El Montecito Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara.

Miss Vint was a 1959 graduate of North High school in Torrance where she was active in campus affairs. After graduation, she was employed by a telephone company in Hermosa Beach. She is presently a student at California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, where she is majoring in business.

The future bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harald J. Wipf, was graduated from the Santa Barbara High school in 1957. He served with the United States Army and is now a junior at California Polytechnic majoring in agriculture. He is a member of Kappa Chi fraternity.

Miss Vint has selected her sister, Miss Lanie Vint as maid of honor and her fiancé has asked his twin brother, Vaughn, to stand as best man.

### Fashion Show Will Benefit AFS Fund

Torrance chapter of the American Field Service will present a benefit spring fashion show on Tuesday noon, April 4, in the Garden room at the Fish Shanty on Pacific Coast Hwy. All proceeds will be used for the AFS scholarships.

Leisure and intimate apparel furnished by a Hollywood Riviera shop will be modeled by professionals.

Assisting the chairman, Mrs. John Waldi as hostesses will be Brenda Memoli from Montevideo Uruguay and Pierrette Faure from Neuilly-Sur-Seine, France.

### Moose Women Stage Dinner

Child Care Committee of the Torrance chapter, Women of the Moose, will stage a "Dime-a-Dip" dinner on March 29 at the Moose Hall, 1744 W. Carson St.

Serving will begin at 6:30 o'clock. Dorothy Galinski, chairman of the committee, announces that there will be special Lenten dishes for those observing Lent.

The public is invited to attend.

### Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warner of Torrance celebrated their wedding anniversary by dining at the Plush Horse restaurant in Redondo Beach, with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Levy of Torrance.



KAREN SONMORE... Troth Told

### June Date Is Chosen By Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley V. Sonmore, 20623 Tomlee Ave., Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Helene to John LaVerne Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Scott, 2238 W. 228th St.

A June wedding is being planned.

The bride-elect was graduated from Redondo Union High school and attended El Camino college. She is formerly of Minneapolis, Minn.

Her fiancé attended Northwestern Mississippi High school and Junior College.

### Entertain

A get-together of old friends was enjoyed last Saturday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis entertained at dinner at their home, 2217 229th St.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mowry of La Mirada, formerly of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. George Blahnik and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Isaacs of Gardena.

After dinner, the group played cards.

### In New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arnold who have lived at 1515 Post Ave. for several years are now at home at 1324 Acacia Ave., the home formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Speck, who left two weeks ago for South America.



NEW B&PW BOARD... Torrance Business and Professional Women installed their new leaders at a dinner meeting last Monday evening. Leading the club in its activities during the coming year will be from left, Jean Clawson, recording secretary; Rae Reiman, treasurer; Pearl Good, second vice president; Dorothe Kirkpatrick, president and Mary Snow, first vice president.



PATTERNS IN PROFILE... Nativity Mothers club is busy with preparations for a luncheon and fashion show entitled "Patterns in Profile" to be held April 8 at 1 p.m. at the Women's club, 1422 Engracia Ave. Studying table decorations consisting of miniature trees with cotton print butterflies and sewing notions are from left, Mmes. Donald Bryant, Al Baker, Paul Leack and Robert Dobson.